The Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesman subsequently clarified that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan only referred to the danger of another war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir issue.

Government regard such posturing and rhetoric adopted by Pakistan as a manifestation of Pakistan's negative approach.

Government are aware of Pakistan's clandestine and weapons-oriented nuclear programme and constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it. Government have consistently called upon Pakistan to give up its negative approach to India and to commit itself with sincerity to purpose resolve all outstanding differances within the framework of Simla Agreement. Government have apprisd the international community of the true facts of the situation in J & K and of Pakistan's support to subversion and theorrism which constitutes the root cause of tensions in our relations.

Bringing I.C.C.R. under the department of culture

1078. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for bringing the Indian Council for Cultural Relations under the Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resources Development ; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

New European Union Visa Policy

1079. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported new European Union Visa Policy to be operational after June, 1996;

(b) if so, whether it seeks to virtually divide the world into two categories – black and white in matter of immigration; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The European Union is considering a proposal under which 129 countries including India have been listed as those whose nationals shall be required to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external frontiers of the Member-States. The proposal is to be disscussed by the Council of Foreign Ministers and adopted unanimously before it becomes effective. The question of issue of visas to Indian nationals was raised at the Indo-EU Troika meeting in Brussels on 8th February, 1994, when Government conveyed their view that new visa regulations being contemplated by the European Union should not be applied in a manner that inconvenienced bona-fide visitors from India.

Monitoring of sick fishery section in Visakhapatnam

1080. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any deep-sea vessels from sick units operated their vessels in this season from Visakhapatnam ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have monitored the sick fishery sector in Visakhapatnam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The number of trawlers belonging to sick/defaulting fishing companies, assisted by erstwhile SDFC/SCICI, operating from Visakhapatnam, is 88.

(c) The Government is aware of the problems of the sick deep sea fishing units at Visakhapatnam and had formulated a rehabilitation package in 1991, which was furher liberlised in 1992. Government has also constituted a Technical Committee to look into the problems of the sick deep sea fishing units and suggest remedial measures.

Shrimp caught by deep-sea fishing vessels

1081. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) what are the figures of shrimp caught by Indian deep-sea fishing vessels in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the approximate value of exports thereof;

(c) whether there has been stagnation in terms of foreign exchange obtained from exports of shrimp caught by deep-sea fishing vessels; and

(d) if so of what are the reasons therefor :

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD RPOCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) While the figures of shrimp cauhgt by deep sea fishing vessels alone are not available, the shrimp production in India including the catch from the deep sea fishing vessels during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given below :

Year	Production (M.T.)
1990-91 . . .	2,73,028
1991-92 . . .	3,22,034
1992-93 . . .	3,53,580

(b) The value of export of marine products including the value of export from the deep sea fishing vessels during the 3 years is as follows :

Year	Quantity (tons).	Value (Rs. crores).
1990-91	139419	893.37
1991-92	171820	1375.89
1992-93	208600	1767.43

(c) There was no stagnation in terms of foreign exchange obtained from export of marine products from India. There was positive growth rate every year, which was 40.7%, 54% and 28.5% during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93.

(d) Does not arise.

बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों को खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग में प्रवेश की अनुमति प्रदान करना

1082. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों को खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग में प्रवेश करने की अनुमति प्रदान की गई है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप भारतीय कम्पनियों को आर्थिक नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों के क्षेत्र में कार्यरत व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है और भारतीय तथा विदेशी कम्पनियों में कार्यरत भारतीय श्रमिकों का प्रतिशत कितना-कितना है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के क्षेत्र में श्रम प्रधान उद्योग को प्राथमिकता प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है ताकि इससे भारत में बढ़ती बेरोजगारी को रोका जा सके ?